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West Africa.

I could take him to the hospital, but I don't think there's much they can do.
My son is going to die?

I'm sorry.

I can make him comfortable. Ease his pain.

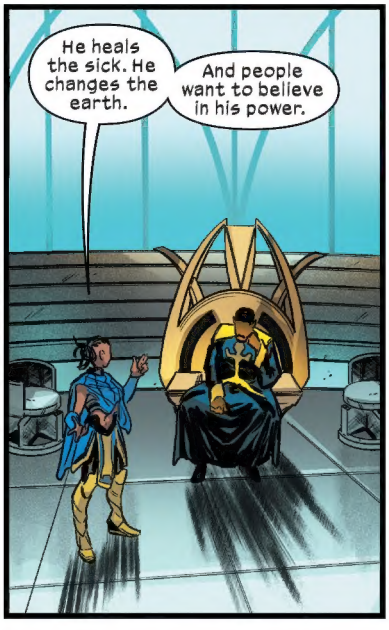
Aaah!
There is suffering. So I came.
The boy. Yes?
What are you?
I am many things.
Tonight, I am the hope you seek.

Quiet now.
Be quiet, and have faith.
He will wake. And be without pain.
Will all of *you* awaken?
Awaken...?
To the *salvation* that is to come.

"So Khonshu is convincing people he's a God?"
"He's performing miracles, Brother."
"And building an army of zealots to die for him."

He's already got his own myths.
They say he built a kingdom from the earth itself.

"Miracles, Brother.
"That is why they follow him."


He heals the sick. He changes the earth.
And people want to believe in his power.

His power comes from that *element*, Shuri. An element I know he doesn't understand.

Because even I don't understand it.

I will not wage war against the people of Africa. No matter who they follow.
Then what, T'Challa? We hope for peace until he has an army large enough to climb our walls?
Perhaps the walls are the problem.
In isolation, we have allowed this. We remain in Wakanda. He walks among them.
Why respect a king behind a wall, when a God walks among you?
You sound like Erik Killmonger.
Erik's perspective makes more sense with every sunset.
I don't trust him, Brother.
As I don't trust *her.*

Ororo. And what do you see in her?
Power. And certainty.
And little desire to share her thoughts with us.
She's very beautiful.
I haven't noticed.
Then you should. Before it sneaks up on you.
Neither you nor Okoye has anything to fear from Erik and Ororo. They have come here to follow our laws. They've fought by my side. Saved my life. They have earned their place.
My king.
May your wisdom be true.

Everything about Wakanda is... comfortable.

Comfort bothers you, Erik?
Only when I get too comfortable with it, Ororo.
We have both earned a bed that isn't grass. Food we don't have to kill.
And nights where we can *both* close our eyes.
Maybe you can help me appreciate this... comfort.

PARODY ADVERTISEMENT

CAPTAIN AMERICA in BANK ON IT!

THIS MONEY WILL SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS.
NOT SO FAST!
CAPTAIN AMERICA! KILL HIM.
INSTEAD OF MAKING ME "BITE THE BIG ONE," WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A BIG BITE OF THESE DELICIOUS GOLDEN SPONGE CAKES WITH REAL CREAMED-FRUIT FILLING?
OH MY GOD, WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?
I KNEW THE MULTIVERSE CONTAINED EVERYTHING, BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT'D HAVE A WEIRD '80s PIE-ADVERTISING NOSTALGIA UNIVERSE WHERE I'M LIVING FRUIT PIES!
DELICIOUS! AND THE CREAMED-FRUIT FILLING!
OH SWEET #%@&, THAT'S MY BODY!
I'M AN ALIVE FRUIT PIE, AND YOU'RE EATING ME! OH GOD, OH NO, PLEASE!
THE WAY MY TALKING FRUIT PIE BEGGED FOR LIFE WILL HAUNT ME FOREVER. I CAN HEAR IT STILL.
THAT'S ONE WAY TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME!
I'VE DONE SOMETHING TODAY THAT I CAN NEVER TAKE BACK.
PIEPOOL
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LIFE FEEDS ON LIFE, TRY A FRUIT PIE!
WADE INTO THE FLAVOR

NORTH, KOBLISH, ROSENBERG, SABINO

The New Temple of Ra.
Wakanda will not be silent as we gain power, Brother.
No, but their way is diplomacy. They will waste time.
And in that time, more and more people will find their knees before us.
Before you, Khonshu.
I am not the one between us who seeks praise.
And what do you seek, Ra?
Power.

This is a fragment. There is more.
And the Wakandans know where it is.
But they do not know *what* it is. Or from where it came.
Let them keep faith in their talking panthers. Let them see our legions grow. This temple in the sun.
And let them wonder... what *will* we do?
You underestimate T'Challa.
Gather the willing. I will give them tasks.
And you will see I estimate him... *exactly.*

West Africa.
A mineral refinery.
AAAGH!

Hit the alarm!
FOR KHONSHU!!!

BOOM
They're wearing explosives! Take 'em out before they can--
FWIIISSSSH
Huh?
VRRMMM
KABOOM

What just happened?
Evacuate your people.
NOW.
And what are you?
I'm the one hoping that there are innocent people working here.
Even if your weapons tell me otherwise.
This operation is over. You are no longer safe in Africa.

KABOOM

Wakanda moves to protect corporations now?
Wakanda stops *terrorists*.
Wakanda hides behind its walls. And its traditions. And lets invaders steal from all the space around it.
So you're not just pretending to be a God--
--you're pretending to be an activist too?
I am doing what Wakanda should have done generations ago.
And you would be wise to allow me to do it, Black Panther.

Because there's nothing you can do to stop me.
I hate to disappoint a God.
But I don't believe.
KRAK
THOOM
Very well.

Then I suppose we'll have a war.
TO BE CONTINUED...